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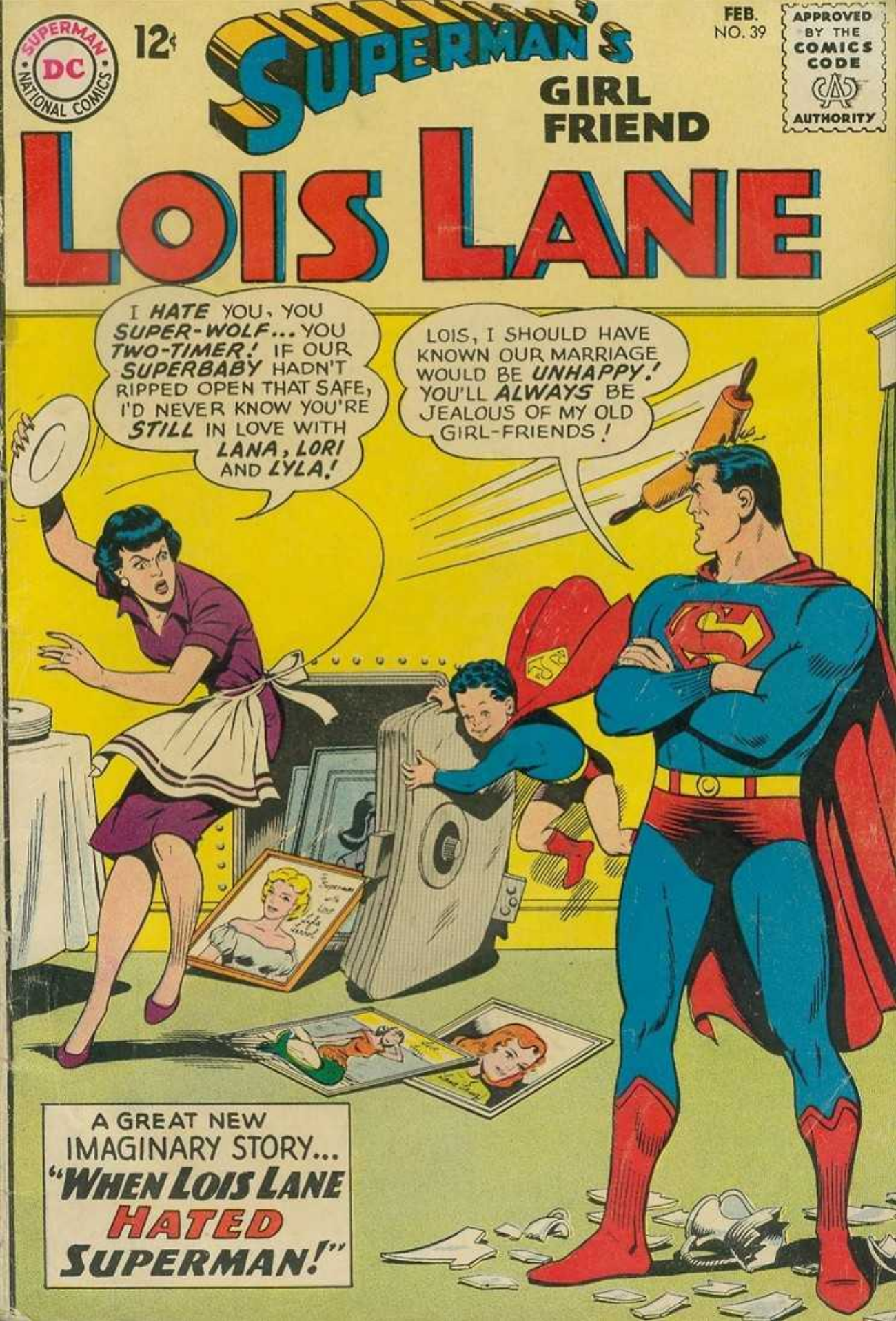
I HATE YOU, YOU SUPER-WOLF... YOU TWO-TIMER! IF OUR SUPERBABY HADN'T RIPPED OPEN THAT SAFE, I'D NEVER KNOW YOU'RE STILL IN LOVE WITH LANA, LORI AND LYLA!
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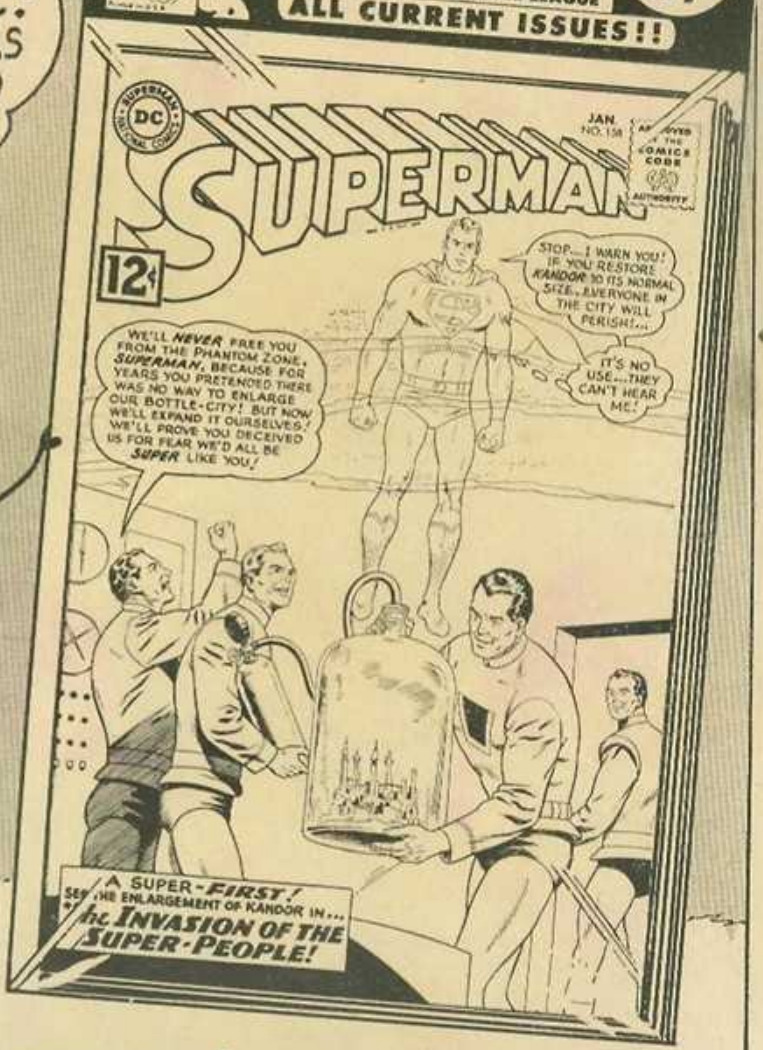
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JAN.
STOP... I WARN YOU! IF YOU RESTORE KANDOR TO ITS NORMAL SIZE... EVERYONE IN THE CITY WILL PERISH!...
IT'S NO USE... THEY CAN'T HEAR ME!
WE'LL NEVER FREE YOU FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE, SUPERMAN, BECAUSE FOR YEARS YOU PRETENDED THERE WAS NO WAY TO ENLARGE OUR BOTTLE-CITY! BUT NOW WE'LL EXPAND IT OURSELVES! WE'LL PROVE YOU DECEIVED US FOR FEAR WE'D ALL BE SUPER LIKE YOU!
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LOIS LANE

An "IMAGINARY" STORY

HERE IT IS, READERS... EXACTLY WHAT YOU DEMANDED...ANOTHER EPISODE CONCERNING THE **IMAGINARY** MARRIAGE OF **SUPERMAN** AND LOIS LANE (WHICH MAY ACTUALLY NEVER HAPPEN, BUT THEN AGAIN, **MAY!**) THIS TIME THE HAPPY ATMOSPHERE IN THEIR FORTRESS LOVE-NEST EXPLODES INTO CHAOS WHEN LOIS BECOMES CONVINCED **SUPERMAN** CAN'T FORGET HIS OLD GIRL-FRIENDS! AND HOW DOES POOR LOIS, WHO IS ALWAYS JEALOUS AND SUSPICIOUS, REACT? SHE BECOMES --

The GIRL WHO HATED SUPERMAN!

COME BACK, LOIS! DON'T LEAVE ME! YOU'RE MY **WIFE!** I LOVE YOU! I NEED **YOU!** COME BACK! I BEG YOU...**COME BACK!!**
GET LOST, YOU...YOU SUPER TWO-TIMER, YOU! I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF YOU! I'M SORRY I EVER MARRIED YOU! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN! **GOODBYE!!**

THIS **IMAGINARY** STORY BEGINS SEVERAL YEARS FROM NOW. IN THE **MAN OF STEEL'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**, WITH LOIS LANE MARRIED TO **SUPERMAN** FOR THREE YEARS AND THE PROUD MOTHER OF A SUPER-SON...

THEN, AS LOIS LOOKS INTO THE CHAMBER WHERE THEIR SUPER-SON, LARRY, IS PRACTICING HIS SUPER-TRAINING PROGRAM...

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MOMENTS LATER...
RRING! RINGG!
POP BAM BANG
WHEEE!... BELLS AM RINGING... AND FIREWORKS POPPING!
HA, HA! THE MACHINE "REWARDS" LARRY WITH THAT DISPLAY EACH TIME HE BOWLS ALL THE ALPHABET BALLS INTO THEIR CORRECT ORDER! LEARNING THE ALPHABET THIS WAY IS FUN!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! DADDY WILL BE HOME SOON! THEN WE'LL HAVE A PARTY!

AS LOIS AWAITS HER SUPER-HUBBY'S RETURN SHE COMES ACROSS SOME OLD SOUVENIRS WHILE CLEANING OUT A TRUNK...
WHEN I WROTE THIS IN MY DIARY YEARS AGO, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT SUPERMAN WOULD BE MINE SOMEDAY!
I love Superman so--but I don't think he will ever propose to me!

NEXT, SHE FINDS... PICTURES OF MY FORMER ADMIRERS, AND LOVE LETTERS FROM SOME OF THEM...! THERE'S ASTOUNDING MAN... RAJAH BANDIH... FUTUREMAN... AND OTHERS! OH, DEAR! I'LL DESTROY THESE AT ONCE!

I LOVE MY HUSBAND SO MUCH, I DON'T WANT THESE RELICS OF THE PAST AROUND! INTO THE GLOW-FIREPLACE WITH THEM! THE WONDER METAL, ETERNO, WHICH GIVES OFF HEAT RADIATIONS FOR YEARS, WILL BURN THESE SOUVENIRS TO ASHES!

IRONICALLY, MINUTES AFTERWARD...
TEE-HEE! LOOK HOW STRONG ME AM, MOMMY!
AWP! LARRY RIPPED OPEN THE DOOR OF THAT SAFE PLAYFULLY... AND SOME PAINTINGS FELL OUT... CHOKE!... THEY'RE PICTURES OF SUPERMAN'S OLD GIRL FRIENDS!

ONE OF THE PAINTINGS IS OF LANA LANG -- SHE PULLED EVERY TRICK SHE KNEW TO WIN SUPERMAN FOR A HUSBAND, BUT FAILED! ANOTHER PAINTING IS OF LORI LEMARIS, AN ATLANTIS MERMAID SUPERMAN ONCE LOVED!... THE THIRD GIRL IS...

...LUMA LYNA!, A WOMAN ON ANOTHER PLANET WHO RESEMBLES SUPERGIRL! SUPERMAN DIDN'T MARRY LUMA BECAUSE OUR SUN'S YELLOW RAYS HARMED HER THE WAY GREEN KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS AFFECT HIM!... ;CHOKE!... HE MUST HAVE KEPT THESE PAINTINGS HIDDEN FROM ME BECAUSE HE STILL CARES FOR HIS OLD GIRL FRIENDS!

SOON, AS THE MAN OF STEEL ARRIVES HOME...
AN ANNIVERSARY DINNER? HOW NICE! I'LL WARM IT UP WITH MY HEAT-VISION!
YOU LIKE IT?

HERE, TAKE IT! IT'S ALL YOURS, YOU MISERABLE HEEL!
ULP!-- WHAT...?! -- HEY! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
SOCK!

TAKE THAT, AND THAT, AND THAT... YOU DISGUSTING TWO-TIMER! YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SAVED THOSE PAINTINGS IF YOU WEREN'T STILL IN LOVE WITH YOUR OLD SWEET-HEARTS! I HATE YOU!
LISTEN, LOIS! I'VE KEPT THESE PICTURES FOR AN IMPORTANT REASON... BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY!

LIAR! YOU LOVE THOSE GIRLS MORE THAN YOU LOVE ME!
;SIGH;... GO AHEAD AND THROW THINGS IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER! I CAN'T BE HARMED... AND MAYBE, AFTER YOU LET OFF STEAM, YOU'LL CALM DOWN AND LISTEN TO REASON!

PRESENTLY... GREAT KRYPTON! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE...
SOB!... YES, I'M PACKING! I'M... LEAVING YOU! I WON'T LIVE WITH A HUSBAND WHO HAS OTHER WOMEN ON HIS MIND! SOB! SOB!

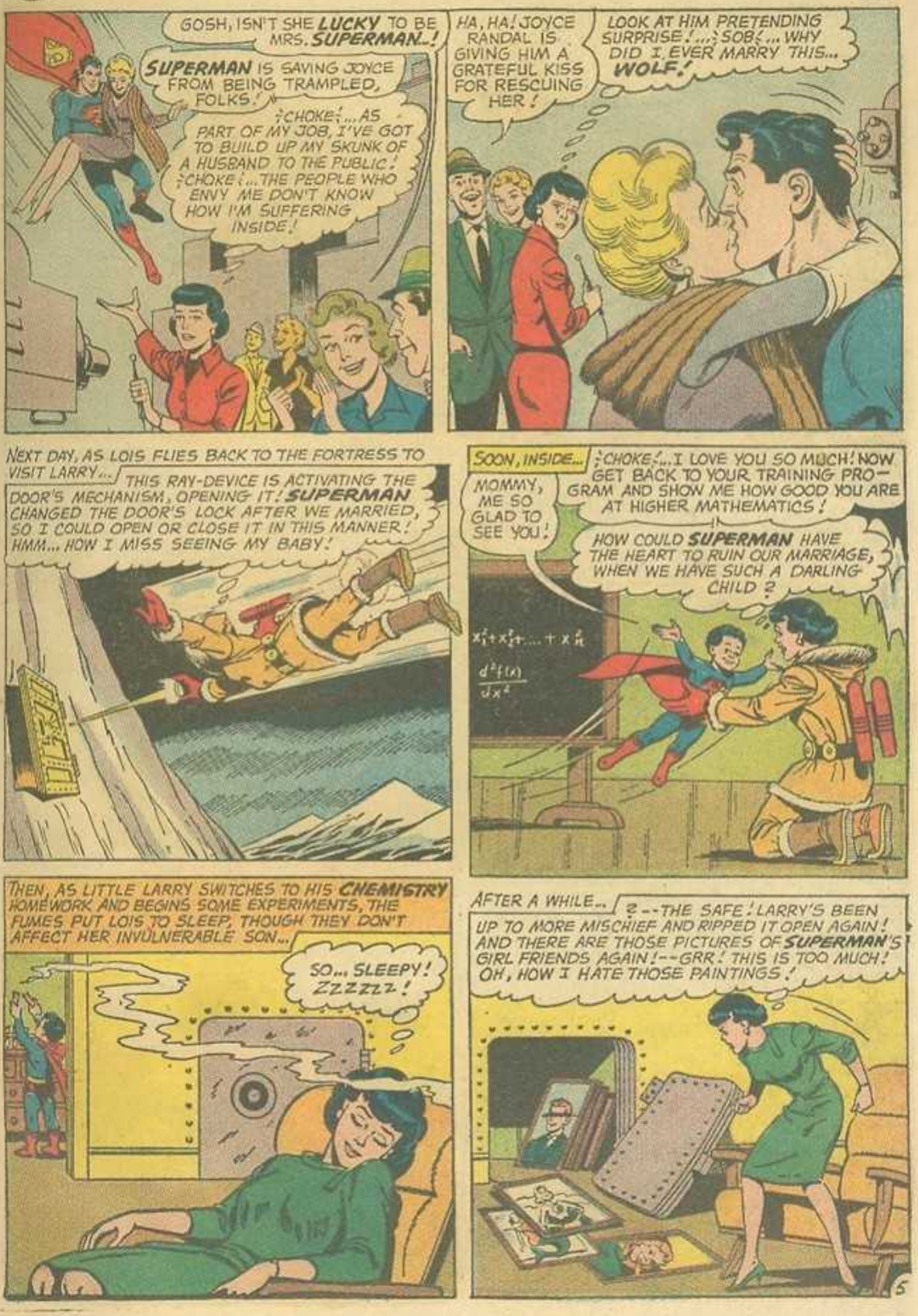
GOODBYE, LARRY! BE A GOOD BOY, ALWAYS!
MUCH AS I WANT, I CAN'T TAKE MY BABY WITH ME! BECAUSE HE HASN'T MASTERED HIS SUPER-POWERS YET, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIM! AND HE STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN FROM HIS SUPER-TRAINING PROGRAM!

DONNING A PARKA TO PROTECT HER FROM THE SUB-ZERO WEATHER, LOIS FLIES OFF, PROPELLED BY AN ANTI-GRAVITY BELT SUPERMAN GAVE HER FOR A WEDDING GIFT...
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE, LOIS!
DON'T TALK TO ME!
I'LL BECOME A REPORTER AGAIN, AT THE PLANET!

BUT LATER, WHEN SHE CALLS ON EDITOR PERRY WHITE, IN METROPOLIS...
SUPERMAN DOESN'T WANT TO INTERFERE WITH MY CAREER-- SO IF YOU'LL HIRE ME BACK...
SORRY, LOIS-- LANA LANG NOW HAS YOUR JOB, AND IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR FOR ME TO FIRE HER! WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND GET LANA'S OLD JOB?

AND SO, LOIS APPLIES FOR, AND GETS, LANA'S FORMER JOB AS A TV TELECASTER!
WHAT AN INTERESTING FIRST ASSIGNMENT!
WHEW! GLAMOROUS MOVIE STAR JOYCE RANDAL'S ARRIVAL IN METROPOLIS IS CAUSING EVEN MORE EXCITEMENT THAN WAS EXPECTED!

SECONDS AFTERWARD...
HI, LOIS!... I'D BETTER RESCUE MISS RANDAL FROM THAT CROWD!
I'LL IGNORE HIM... THE RAT! THERE ARE PROBABLY DOZENS OF IMPORTANT EMERGENCIES ELSEWHERE!... BUT HE'S ANXIOUS TO SHOW OFF IN FRONT OF THAT ACTRESS AND ADD HER PICTURE TO HIS COLLECTION!


GOSH, ISN'T SHE LUCKY TO BE MRS. SUPERMAN...!
SUPERMAN IS SAVING JOYCE FROM BEING TRAMPLED, FOLKS!
;CHOKE;...AS PART OF MY JOB, I'VE GOT TO BUILD UP MY SKUNK OF A HUSBAND TO THE PUBLIC! ;CHOKE;...THE PEOPLE WHO ENVY ME DON'T KNOW HOW I'M SUFFERING INSIDE!
HA, HA! JOYCE RANDAL IS GIVING HIM A GRATEFUL KISS FOR RESCUING HER!
LOOK AT HIM PRETENDING SURPRISE!...;SOB;...WHY DID I EVER MARRY THIS... WOLF!
NEXT DAY, AS LOIS FLIES BACK TO THE FORTRESS TO VISIT LARRY...
THIS RAY-DEVICE IS ACTIVATING THE DOOR'S MECHANISM, OPENING IT! SUPERMAN CHANGED THE DOOR'S LOCK AFTER WE MARRIED, SO I COULD OPEN OR CLOSE IT IN THIS MANNER! HMM... HOW I MISS SEEING MY BABY!
SOON, INSIDE...
MOMMY, ME SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!
;CHOKE;...I LOVE YOU SO MUCH! NOW GET BACK TO YOUR TRAINING PROGRAM AND SHOW ME HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT HIGHER MATHEMATICS!
HOW COULD SUPERMAN HAVE THE HEART TO RUIN OUR MARRIAGE, WHEN WE HAVE SUCH A DARLING CHILD?
THEN, AS LITTLE LARRY SWITCHES TO HIS CHEMISTRY HOMEWORK AND BEGINS SOME EXPERIMENTS, THE FUMES PUT LOIS TO SLEEP, THOUGH THEY DON'T AFFECT HER INVULNERABLE SON...
SO... SLEEPY! ZZZZZZ!
AFTER A WHILE...
?--THE SAFE! LARRY'S BEEN UP TO MORE MISCHIEF AND RIPPED IT OPEN AGAIN! AND THERE ARE THOSE PICTURES OF SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIENDS AGAIN!--GRR! THIS IS TOO MUCH! OH, HOW I HATE THOSE PAINTINGS!

SNATCHING UP A PAINTING, LOIS HURLS IT INTO THE GLOW-FIREPLACE JUST AS SUPERMAN ENTERS THE FORTRESS...
BURN, BLAST YOU!
GREAT GUNS! LOIS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
LUCKILY, I WAS FAST ENOUGH TO RESCUE THE PAINTING BEFORE IT BURNED UP!...YOU ALMOST KILLED LUMA!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN I ALMOST KILLED HER? THAT'S ONLY A PAINTING!
THEN, AS THE MAN OF STEEL EXAMINES ANOTHER PAINTING...
OH, NO! YOU MARRED THIS PICTURE OF LANA WITH RED PAINT! WHAT AN AWFUL THING TO DO TO LANA!
BUT I DIDN'T DO IT! STOP TALKING IN RIDDLES! I HAVEN'T HARMED LANA, AND YOU KNOW IT!
QUICKLY, SUPERMAN TURNS ON A MONITOR, ADJUSTS IT, THEN...
HAVEN'T HARMED LANA, EH? LOOK AT HER IN THE PLANET OFFICE!
YULP!?...SH-SHE'S GOT FLAME BREATH! LANA LOOKS SCARED, AND SHE'S FRIGHTENING HER CO-WORKERS!...?!
AS HE SNATCHES UP ANOTHER PAINTING, AND ADJUSTS THE MONITOR AGAIN...
LOOK AT THE WAY YOU SMEARED THE GLASS TANK IN THIS PICTURE OF LORI...THEN GLANCE AT THE MONITOR AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING! YOU DID IT TO HER!
WATER'S POURING OUT OF A CRACKED GLASS TANK! LORI CAN LIVE OUT OF WATER FOR ONLY A BRIEF TIME! SHE'S GASPING FOR BREATH... DYING...!
SO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN SAVING PICTURES OF MY OLD GIRL FRIENDS BECAUSE I STILL LOVE THEM! THEN WHAT ABOUT THIS PAINTING OF JIMMY? HE'S NO GIRL! I SEE YOU'VE DAMAGED THIS PAINTING, TOO, BY SMEARING BLACK PAINT STREAKS ACROSS HIS EYES...
NO! I DIDN'T!!
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SWIFTLY SUPERMAN FOCUSES THE MONITOR AGAIN...
HELP! I'M BLIND!!
JIMMY'S LOST HIS SIGHT, THANKS TO YOU!
BUT I DIDN'T DAMAGE THOSE PAINTINGS! I'LL ADMIT I WAS JEALOUS OF THOSE GIRLS, BUT THERE'S NO REASON WHY I'D MUTILATE A PICTURE OF JIMMY!
YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT THEN, WHO DID DAMAGE THEM?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE WORK OF A PLAYFUL, MISCHIEVOUS CHILD!— GASP!— I JUST REMEMBERED WE GAVE LARRY A PAINT SET FOR CHRISTMAS!
LARRY! COME HERE RIGHT THIS MINUTE!
YES, MOMMY?
THOSE PAINTS! THE BRUSHES...!!
SO YOU BLOTCHED UP THOSE PAINTINGS AFTER RIPPING OPEN THE SAFE! NAUGHTY BOY!
OUCH!— MY HAND! I FORGOT YOU CAN'T BE PUNISHED THIS W-WAY! I'M LUCKY I DIDN'T BREAK MY WRIST!
I'LL USE MY SUPER-SPEED TO RESTORE THESE PAINTINGS AS THEY WERE!
SECONDS LATER, AS THE MAN OF STEEL PUTS DOWN HIS BRUSHES...
NOW THAT I'VE PAINTED THE SPLOTCHES OUT OF THE PICTURES, LANA, LORI AND JIMMY ARE NORMAL AGAIN, THANK GOODNESS!— THEY'RE PUZZLED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER THE VICTIMS OF... BLACK MAGIC...

*BLACK MAGIC?!... WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT ALL BEGAN YEARS AGO, WHEN I TRAVELLED THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE DISTANT PAST ONE DAY, AND ENCOUNTERED THE ANCIENT SORCERESS, CIRCE!

"SHE TOOK A FANCY TO ME, AND PROPOSED MARRIAGE! BUT WHEN I TURNED HER DOWN..."
FOOL! YOU WILL PAY DEARLY FOR SCORNING MY LOVE!
OH-OH! SHE'S A POWERFUL, DANGEROUS ENEMY! I DIDN'T INTEND TO OFFEND HER, BUT SHE PUT ME ON THE SPOT...!

"WHEN I RETURNED TO MY FORTRESS IN MY OWN TIME ERA, I FOUND HER AWAITING ME..."
HA,HA! I'VE PUT A SPELL ON THESE PICTURES OF YOUR FRIENDS! WHATEVER FATE HAPPENS TO THE PAINTINGS, THE SAME FATE WILL BEFALL THEM! IF EVER THE PICTURES ARE DESTROYED, THEY, TOO, WILL DIE!--FAREWELL, SUPERMAN!
HER MAGIC IS MIGHTIER THAN EVEN MY SUPER-POWERS! THERE IS NO WAY I CAN BREAK HER SPELL!

THAT'S WHY I HID THE PAINTINGS IN THE SAFE... TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS! AS TO WHY I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE TRUTH... HA,HA... LOOK IN THE MIRROR!
TO THINK I ALMOST KILLED LUMA BY THROWING HER PICTURE IN THE FIREPLACE!...WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?

YIPES!...A MUSTACHE!
YES, LOIS! THE PAINTINGS INCLUDED ONE OF YOU, TOO! THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU THE STORY OF THE HEXED PICTURES! I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO WORRY ABOUT THEM! HA, HA! LARRY'S HAVING A LITTLE FUN AGAIN!

I APOLOGIZE FOR MISJUDGING YOU, DARLING! NOW PLEASE HURRY UP AND FIX THAT PAINTING! I DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE THIS!
HA,HA! I'LL FIX IT ONLY AFTER I'VE KISSED YOU! I WANT TO KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO KISS A WOMAN WHO HAS A MUSTACHE!
The End
BUT OF COURSE THIS IMAGINARY ADVENTURE WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO LOIS...OR WILL IT?

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HEALTH MYTHS DEBUNKED!

IT'S A GOOD THING THAT NAIL YOU STEPPED ON WAS A NEW ONE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE A DOCTOR, DICK—ONLY A RUSTY NAIL IS DANGEROUS!
WRONG, YOUNG MAN! LET ME TAKE A LOOK. AT THAT! ANY PUNCTURE WOUND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF!

AS LONG AS THE THING THAT CAUSED THE WOUND TOUCHED DIRT, IT COULD CARRY DANGEROUS INVISIBLE GERMS, LIKE TETANUS—IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A RUSTY OBJECT! THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MYTHS ABOUT HEALTH THAT SHOULD BE EXPOSED!

"MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A GOOD WAY TO TREAT FROSTBITE IS TO RUB THE FROZEN PART WITH SNOW..."
"FALSE! GRADUAL WARMING IS NEEDED—BUT RUBBING WITH SNOW OR ANYTHING ELSE WOULD ONLY DAMAGE MORE TISSUE!"

"OR THAT A PIECE OF RAW MEAT SHOULD BE USED TO TREAT A BLACK EYE..."
"FALSE! A COLD COMPRESS MAY MAKE IT FEEL BETTER AND CAN HELP REDUCE SWELLING AT FIRST, BUT A PIECE OF MEAT WON'T AFFECT SWELLING OR DISCOLORATION!"

"OR THAT CUTTING OR SHAVING A PERSON'S HAIR MORE OFTEN MAKES IT GROW FASTER..."
"FALSE! THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HAIR IS DETERMINED BY THE HAIR ROOTS OR FOLLICLES BENEATH THE SKIN, BY HEREDITY AND GENERAL HEALTH!"

GOSH, DOC, I'LL BET I'M DOING THE WRONG THING TRYING TO CURE A COLD WITH A HARD WORK-OUT AND THEN A HOT BATH!
YES, DICK, REST IS USUALLY MORE USEFUL THAN EXERCISE TO HELP THE BODY FIGHT A COLD—EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER AFTER "SWEATING" IT OUT. IT COULD MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE!

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LOIS, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE IGNORING ME... SUPERMAN... THE MAN YOU LOVE!
CORRECTION! THE MAN I LOVED! MY HEART NOW BELONGS TO-- CLARK KENT!
SIGH!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? IS IT POSSIBLE WE'RE NOT HEARING STRAIGHT? HAS LOIS LANE GONE MAD AND BECOME THE OPPOSITE OF HERSELF? CERTAINLY LOIS CAN'T BE CONSIDERED NORMAL IF SHE SWITCHES AFFECTIONS FROM THE MAN OF STEEL TO THAT TIMID WEAKLING, CLARK KENT! YOU'RE IN FOR SURPRISES WHEN YOU READ--
Lois Lane's Romance with Clark Kent!

ONE MORNING, AT THE PLANET, AS PERRY WHITE SENDS FOR HIS ACE GIRL REPORTER...
LOIS, I'VE GOT JUST THE SORT OF ASSIGNMENT YOU LOVE! IT INVOLVES SUPERMAN! HERE'S THE ADDRESS WHERE YOUR SUPER-IDOL IS SCHEDULED TO SHOW UP!
THANKS, PERRY! I NEVER GET ENOUGH OF SEEING SUPERMAN!

BUT AN HOUR LATER, AT THE MIDTOWN THEATER...
See... "THE BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD" CONTEST ON STAGE AT NOON
BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD CONTEST? BUT PERRY NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A BEAUTY CONTEST! I THOUGHT SUPERMAN WAS GOING TO DEDICATE A NEW BUILDING OR SOMETHING!
WINNER OF THE BEAUTY CONTEST WILL GET A PART IN THE FORTHCOMING HOLLYWOOD MOVIE The BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD

SHORTLY, BACKSTAGE...
GASP! LANA LANG! ARE YOU COVERING THIS BEAUTY CONTEST, TOO, FOR YOUR TV NETWORK?
NO, LOIS DEAR!...

...I'M IN IT! WISH ME LUCK, DARLING! IF I WIN, I GET A JUICY PART IN "THE BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD" PICTURE THEY'RE FILMING THIS MONTH!
OMIGOSH! NOW ALL THAT HAS TO HAPPEN TO MAKE MY DAY MISERABLE IS FOR SUPERMAN TO JUDGE THIS CONTEST AND PICK LANA!

PRESENTLY, AS THE COMPETITION TAKES PLACE...
...AND IN THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF THE JUDGES, MISS LANA LANG WINS FIRST PRIZE!
DARN IT! SHE WOULD! BUT I HAVE ONE CONSOLATION... SUPERMAN WASN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING HER! WHICH REMINDS ME... HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE HERE! WHAT FOR, I WONDER, IF HE'S NOT A JUDGE?
LOOK! HERE COMES SUPERMAN!

WHOOOSHHH!
YES, FOLKS! AS THE CLIMAX OF THIS EXCITING EVENT, SUPERMAN WILL PRESENT LANA LANG WITH A GOLDEN LOVING CUP!
IT'S SUPERMAN!

SHORTLY...
CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING THE CONTEST, LANA!
OH, MY ACHING HEART! LANA IS ONE UP ON ME IN OUR RIVALRY FOR SUPERMAN'S AFFECTIONS! SHE'S PROVEN HERSELF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD IN METROPOLIS!

NEXT MOMENT...
...! GASP!!...
THE NERVE OF THAT HUSSY! S-SHE'S KISSING SUPERMAN IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE, AS IF SHE WERE HIS SWEETHEART!
N-NO! OHHH...

SUDDENLY, AS A SURGE OF UNBEARABLE JEALOUSY ENGULFS LOIS...
LOOK, LANA! IT'S LOIS! SHE'S FAINTING!
HMM... I KNOW THAT SLY CAT, LOIS! SHE COULDN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF MY KISSING YOU, SO SHE CREATED A DISTRACTION TO BREAK UP THE SCENE!

HOWEVER, SECONDS LATER...
LANA IS WRONG! THIS IS NO STUNT! LOIS IS OUT COLD! I'D BETTER RUSH HER TO THE NEAREST DOCTOR!

SOON, IN A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM...
MISS LANE IS RESPONDING TO THE SMELLING SALTS, SUPERMAN!
OHHH! LANA IS KISSING SUPERMAN! B-BUT SHE MUSTN'T! HE'S MY SWEETHEART!
I'D RATHER YOU WEREN'T HERE WHEN SHE COMES TO!
ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR! I'LL LEAVE!

LATER, AFTER LOIS REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
I'VE GIVEN YOU A THOROUGH PHYSICAL CHECK-UP, MISS LANE! YOUR HEALTH IS PERFECT... EXCEPT FOR YOUR HEART!
Y-YOU MEAN... I'VE GOT A HEART CONDITION?

YES! YOU'RE HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH SUPERMAN AND YOUR HEART IS BREAKING BECAUSE THAT LOVE ISN'T RETURNED! LIE DOWN ON THAT COUCH, AS IF YOU WERE IN A PSYCHIATRIST'S OFFICE! I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A QUICK MENTAL-ASSOCIATION TEST!
OKAY...

MOMENTS AFTER...
AS I MENTION EACH WORD, GIVE ME THE FIRST ASSOCIATION THAT POPS INTO YOUR MIND! MAN...
LOVE!
SUPERMAN!
HUSBAND!
SUPERMAN!
SUPERMAN!

SEE WHAT I MEAN? YOUR OBSESSED WITH SUPERMAN... YET YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER GIRL TO HIM!
?SOB!?... YES, I KNOW IT'S HOPELESS! BUT I'M PRAYING THAT SOME DAY... SOMEHOW... SUPERMAN WILL RETURN MY LOVE!...? SOB!?... B-BUT I KNOW HE NEVER WILL!

THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE CURE FOR YOU! FORGET SUPERMAN! TRANSFER YOUR LOVE TO A NORMAL MAN! IT CAN BE ANYONE... EVEN ONE OF YOUR CO-WORKERS AT THE PLANET! HERE! LOOK AT TODAY'S PLANET FEATURE, MEET OUR STAFF! WHY, SCORES OF MEN WORK ON THE PAPER!

OH, SURE! THERE'S PERRY WHITE... MARRIED AND MIDDLE-AGED... JIMMY OLSEN, WHO'S TOO YOUNG AND LOVES MY SISTER, LUCY... AND CLARK KENT! BOY, YOU'RE REALLY DESPERATE WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO CLARK!
REALLY? I'VE READ KENT'S ARTICLES! HE SOUNDS VERY INTELLIGENT!
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MEET OUR STAFF...
PERRY WHITE
JIMMY OLSEN
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LOIS

WELL, ACTUALLY CLARK IS SMART! HE MEANS WELL AND OF COURSE WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS, SINCE WE'RE BOTH REPORTERS! DOCTOR, DO YOU REALLY THINK I COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH CLARK KENT?
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE BY TRYING?

SO IT IS THAT THE NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET, LOIS EMBARKS ON A NEW "LOVE" CAMPAIGN...
CLARK, I'VE GOT TWO PASSES TO COVER THE OPENING OF A NEW BOAT-RESTAURANT, THE JOLLY ROGER, AND I'D BE DELIGHTED IF YOU'D ESCORT ME TONIGHT! WON'T YOU... PLEASE?
HUH? LOIS... ASKING ME TO BE HER DATE?
WELL... UH... YES, LOIS, IF YOU WISH!
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THAT EVENING...
ISN'T IT EXCITING, CLARK? THEY'RE GIVING US SOUVENIRS ..PIRATE HATS, PISTOLS, CUTLASSES AND TELESCOPES! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL NIGHT!
SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE! LOIS NEVER PREFERRED MY COMPANY BEFORE! WHAT'S CHANGED HER MIND?
JOLLY ROGER RESTAURANT
JOLLY
ROGER

SHORTLY, ABOARD THE JOLLY ROGER...
GOSH, CLARK, I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME! YOU'RE SWEET, THOUGHTFUL, GOOD COMPANY AND A GREAT DANCER!
HMM... WHILE LOIS IS FLATTERING ME TO DEATH... GOODNESS KNOWS WHY... A SNEAK THIEF IS SNATCHING HER PURSE FROM OUR TABLE! I MUST STOP HIM WITHOUT REVEALING I'M SUPERMAN!
JOLLY ROGER

ABRUPTLY, AS CLARK STOPS DANCING...
I'VE GOT IT! I'LL USE THIS LIFE-PRESERVER!
EXCUSE ME, LOIS, BUT A CROOK IS MAKING OFF WITH YOUR PURSE!
HUH?

NEXT MOMENT...
OMIGOSH! A PERFECT RINGER! SUPERMAN COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER HIMSELF!

THAT WAS A COOL TRICK, MISTER! YOU TOSSED THAT HEAVY PRESERVER AS IF IT WEIGHED NO MORE THAN A TOY RUBBER QUOIT!
THAT'S TRUE! HMM... CLARK IS MUCH STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT HE WAS! HE MAY NOT BE SUPERMAN, BUT HE'S OBSERVANT AND QUICK-THINKING. I'M REALLY QUITE PROUD OF HIM!
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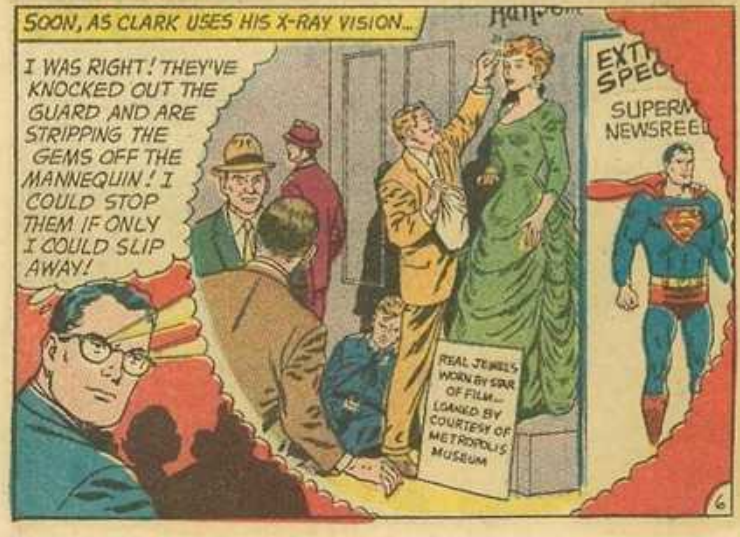
NEXT EVENING, AS LOIS, USING HER FEMININE WILES, COAXES CLARK TO TAKE HER TO THE MOVIES ...
NOW SHOWING "King's Ransom"
CLARK, DEAR, LOOK AT THOSE BEAUTIFUL GEMS ON THAT MANNEQUIN! THEY ACTUALLY ARE WORTH A KING'S RANSOM!
THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE A MUSEUM GUARD POSTED NEARBY, LOIS! ...TWO TICKETS, PLEASE!
EXTRA SPECIAL! SUPERMAN NEWSREEL
REAL JEWELS WORN BY STAR OF FILM... LOANED BY COURTESY OF METROPOLIS MUSEUM

PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE THEATER...
SIGH! WHAT A ROMANTIC LOVE SCENE! IT MAKES ME FEEL SO TENDER AND SENTIMENTAL!
LOIS IS PUTTING HER HEAD ON MY SHOULDER! NEXT THING YOU KNOW, SHE'LL BE HOLDING HANDS WITH ME!

SHORTLY...
YIPE! I CALLED THE SHOT! WHY IS LOIS SUDDENLY MAKING A PLAY FOR ME AFTER YEARS OF GIVING ME THE COLD SHOULDER? WHAT HAPPENED TO HER LOVE FOR SUPERMAN?
SIGH! THE DOCTOR WAS RIGHT! IT IS POSSIBLE TO FORGET SUPERMAN!

... AND CLARK IS JUST THE MAN TO HELP ME FORGET HIM! CLARK'S A JOY TO GO OUT WITH... SO POLITE... SWEET AND AGREEABLE! HE'LL MAKE A MARVELOUS HUSBAND!
OH-OH! THOSE THREE MEN WALKING UP THE AISLE! THEY'RE CROOKS WHO SPECIALIZE IN BOX-OFFICE ROBBERIES! I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THEM!


SOON, AS CLARK USES HIS X-RAY VISION...
I WAS RIGHT! THEY'VE KNOCKED OUT THE GUARD AND ARE STRIPPING THE GEMS OFF THE MANNEQUIN! I COULD STOP THEM IF ONLY I COULD SLIP AWAY!
REAL JEWELS WORN BY STAR OF FILM... LOANED BY COURTESY OF METROPOLIS MUSEUM
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I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
ER.. LOIS... I'LL GO TO THE LOBBY AND GET SOME POPCORN!
DURING THE FINAL SCENE OF THE FILM? DON'T BE SILLY, CLARK! WE'LL HAVE A SNACK AFTER THE MOVIE! SIT DOWN AND RELAX!

CLARK IS IN A SPOT NOW! BUT AS THE MOVIE ENDS...
WAIT A SECOND! I JUST REMEMBERED! THE SUPERMAN NEWSREEL WILL BE ON IN A FEW SECONDS! THE SCREEN SUPERMAN WILL SOON ALLOW THE REAL SUPERMAN TO GO INTO ACTION!
INSTANTS LATER COMES THE OPPORTUNITY CLARK HAS BEEN WAITING FOR!
LOOK! IT'S SUPERMAN RESCUING AN AIRLINER!
HOORAY!
I WAS COUNTING ON THIS AUDIENCE REACTION! EVEN LOIS OBEYED HER OLD INSTINCT OF ADMIRING SUPERMAN AND REMOVED HER HAND TO APPLAUD, ALLOWING ME TO ESCAPE AT SUPER-SPEED!
AS CLARK MAKES A LIGHTNING-LIKE CHANGE TO SUPERMAN...
WE MADE IT, GANG! WE'VE GOT A FORTUNE IN JEWELS AND WE'LL ESCAPE BEFORE THE COPS REACH US!
SORRY, BOYS, BUT THE STICK-UP STILL ISN'T IN THE BAG! AND SPEAKING OF BAGS!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HOT THAT ICE OF YOURS CAN GET!
YEOOWW! SUPERMAN'S HERE, AND HE'S USING HIS HEAT-VISION ON OUR SACKS! GROAN!... NOW THE COPS ARE SURE TO GET US!
POPP!
CRACKK!
PWAPP!
THEN, QUICK AS A WINK, SUPERMAN STREAKS OFF AND CLARK RETURNS TO HIS SEAT JUST AS LOIS REACHES OUT FOR HIS HAND AGAIN...
EXCUSE ME, CLARK! I FORGOT MYSELF TEMPORARILY! MY APPLAUDING SUPERMAN WAS JUST A CONDITIONED REFLEX! BUT REALLY, I DON'T CARE FOR HIM ANYMORE! LET'S LEAVE AND I'LL EXPLAIN WHY I'VE TRANSFERRED MY FEELINGS TO YOU!
GULP!... M-ME?
SOON, AT A COFFEE SHOP...
A FEW DAYS AGO, WHILE WATCHING SUPERMAN KISS LANA LANG, I FAINTED OUT OF SHEER JEALOUSY! THE DOCTOR WHO ATTENDED ME ADVISED ME TO FORGET SUPERMAN AND FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE...
Y-YOU MEAN...
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YES, CLARK! I MADE YOU THE OBJECT OF MY AFFECTIONS ...AND IT WORKED! SUDDENLY I SAW ALL YOUR GOOD TRAITS AND SUPERMAN FADED FROM THE PICTURE! I ONLY HOPE THAT YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME!
WHY...ER... NATURALLY! YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS CARED FOR YOU, LOIS!

SHORTLY, AS CLARK WALKS LOIS HOME...
THIS SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED LONG AGO! SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY COMMON INTERESTS, WE'LL MAKE A GREAT TEAM ...AT NEWSPAPER WORK AND MARRIAGE. LOOK, DARLING, ISN'T THAT A BEAUTIFUL ENGAGEMENT RING?
IT SURE IS!
GREAT KRYPTON! HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS JAM! I CAN'T MARRY LOIS!

IT WOULD INTERFERE WITH MY LIFE AS SUPERMAN... AND I MUST BE FREE TO FIGHT MENACES AND INJUSTICE! BUT I CAN'T HURT LOIS BY JILTING HER! I MUST GET HER TO JILT ME! BUT HOW?
WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN THAT DOCTOR IS! WE'LL MAKE HIM THE GUEST OF HONOR AT OUR WEDDING!

NEXT DAY, AS LOIS GOES TO WORK...
MAKE A DETOUR, CABBIE! A GAS MAIN BROKE AND WE'RE DIVERTING ALL TRAFFIC SO THAT SUPERMAN CAN HANDLE THE EMERGENCY!
GOSH! THIS COULD BE A GREAT NEWS STORY, AND HERE I AM, RIGHT ON THE SPOT!
TAXI

AS LOIS FLASHES HER PRESS CARD AND APPROACHES THE DANGER AREA...
SUPERMAN IS INHALING THE NOXIOUS FUMES WITH HIS VACUUM BREATH! WOW! I MUST PHONE THE PLANET! THIS IS MY SCOOP FOR THE DAY!
LOIS IS HEADING FOR A TELEPHONE BOOTH! HMM... MAYBE THIS IS THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR TO DISILLUSION HER ABOUT CLARK KENT!
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MOMENTS LATER, SEVERAL MILES ABOVE EARTH...
NOW I'LL BLOW THE GAS INTO THE STRATOSPHERE WHERE IT CAN'T HARM ANYONE! THEN I'LL STREAK BACK TO THE PLANET SWITCH TO CLARK KENT AND SCOOP LOIS ON HER STORY!

AN HOUR LATER, AT THE PLANET...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? I PHONED IN A SCOOP, BUT PERRY TELLS ME YOU REPORTED THE STORY FIRST! AND HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT SUPERMAN BLEW GIANT SMOKE RINGS OF GAS INTO SPACE IF YOU'VE BEEN SITTING HERE IN THE OFFICE?
IT'S SIMPLE, LOIS! I USED TELESCOPIC VISION.
DAILY PLANET
SUPERMAN EXHALES DEADLY SMOKE RINGS IN STRATOSPHERE!

TELESCOPIC VISION? BUT ONLY SUPERMAN HAS... OHHH!...YOU MEAN THIS TELESCOPE SOUVENIR FROM THE JOLLY ROGER! YOU USED THE TELESCOPE TO OBSERVE SUPERMAN MILES UP IN THE AIR!
MY RUSE WORKED! I PUT THE TELESCOPE ON MY DESK FOR LOIS TO NOTICE, AND SHE DID! SHE'S SORE AS A BOIL, AS I EXPECTED!

LOOK, CLARK, I'M CALLING OFF OUR MARRIAGE! OUR BOTH BEING REPORTERS WOULD ALWAYS CREATE AN UNHAPPY RIVALRY BETWEEN US! WE'D ALWAYS FIGHT BITTERLY! SO--DON'T BOTHER BUYING ME A RING!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, LOIS!
I KNEW LOIS COULDN'T TAKE MY SCOOPING HER! SHE LOVES BEING A STAR REPORTER MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE!

THAT AFTERNOON, AT THE DOCTOR'S...
HELP! OPERATOR! GET ME THE OBSERVATION WARD! A MAD WOMAN HAS BROKEN INTO THE OFFICE!
MAD WOMAN IS RIGHT! I'M MAD ABOUT SUPERMAN, AND I'M GOING TO STAY MAD ABOUT HIM! AND IF YOU THINK I'M CRAZY FOR LOVING HIM, YOU SHOULD GET YOUR BRAINS EXAMINED!

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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the recent story, "The Immortal Lois Lane", in which Lois went back into the past and met the famous Leonardo Da Vinci . . . and also met the notorious poisoner, Lucretia Borgia. However, in this story, as in many other of your time stories, the female villainess always turns out to look just like Lana Lang. Couldn't you have a story where Lana Lang goes into the past and meets a villainess who looks like Lois Lane?

Michael E. Colby, Hewlett Bay Park, L. I., N. Y.

(That's a clever new switch you've suggested, and we'll get to work on it pronto. Thanks for the idea.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: "Lana Lang's Romance With Superman III" was a magnificent story, but I think I've found an error. If the original Superman was the great, great, great grandfather of Superman III, shouldn't the latter have been named Superman VI?

Gloria Chittum, Columbus, Ga.

(You're right—we erred. The hero of this yarn should have been referred to as Superman VI. Other readers who spotted this boo-boo include Jim Mazzarella of Hominy, Okla. and Arlene Weber of New York, N. Y.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I think you goofed in the story, "The Day Lois Lane Vanished." When Lois sees Lana Lang, Lana is having her nails manicured. We then find out that Lana is supposed to be married in this sequence. But you don't show her wearing a wedding ring. Why not?

Linda Katz, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(The explanation is really quite simple. Lana's ring had such a large diamond, the manicurist had asked her to take it off, lest its brilliant dazzle hurt her eyes while she was polishing Lana's nails.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: If Lois Lane is going to have a new hair style, does this mean that Bizarro-Lois is going to have one too?

Larry Gurwin, Los Angeles, Calif.

(Yes—but only if there is a contest first for the WORST hair-style. Incidentally, results of the new hair-style contest for Lois Lane will be announced in the very next issue.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I was delighted with the first two stories in LOIS LANE No. 37. But I was very disappointed in the last story, which did not live up to your "Coming Attractions" announcement that in this story Lois Lane finally married Superman. She married Clark Kent, not Superman. I wish you would not let Superman fans down by not delivering what you promise.

Douglas Bull, Sarasota, Fla.

(For the reply to your criticism, we refer you to the next letter —Ed.)

Dear Editor: "Lois Lane's Wedding Day" was the best story in the November issue, because it lived up to all your promises. The marriage between Lois and Clark (Superman) Kent WASN'T a hoax, although it was later annulled. I expected something like two namesakes of Lois Lane and Clark Kent getting married, or their doubles, but you had me fooled completely, especially when I tried to figure out how Lois would squirm out of this marriage.

Paul Gambaccini, Westport, Conn.

(Comments from the vast majority of our fans agree with Reader Gambaccini. We delivered exactly what we had promised—a marriage between Lois and Superman. Can we help it if poor Lois didn't believe that Clark was Superman when he told her the truth and tried to prove it all through the story?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: As long as I've been following your magazines, I have never been able to find out why Superman has never married anyone, especially when he has two cute chicks like Lana Lang and Lois Lane trying to snare him for years and years. Well, I think I've finally got the answer. Since Superman has an invulnerable body, it is impossible for Cupid's arrows to pierce his heart. Do you agree?

John Wright, Kennewick, Wash.

(We can't say yes or no until we have both girls enlist the aid of Dan Cupid and get him to fire a quiver full of arrows at the Man of Steel.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I give up! . . . Where is it??? The November issue should have contained the story, "Lois Lane, Foreign Correspondent", according to your announcement in the previous issue. Perry White didn't go back on his word, did he? Or did you print it on the CORA the Car Hop joke page, with invisible ink? Or was it printed minutely on Clark's carnation on the cover, and you need microscopic vision to read it? Let's face it—the story wasn't there. All right, you guys—give with the story! Please!

Fred Bronson, Culver City, Calif.

(The embarrassing truth is that the completed story, when submitted to us, failed to live up to our expectations. Rather than print a story we did not feel was up to our high standards, we returned it to the author for a thorough revision. As soon as we get the rewrite, we'll be happy to publish it —and we hope Lois' fabulous adventures as a foreign correspondent makes up for the delay.—Ed.)

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THE KRYPTONIAN Courtship!

BUT PERRY, HOW CAN LOIS STAND THERE CALMLY SELLING **SUPERMAN'S KISSES** TO ALL THOSE **STUNNING** GIRLS! I TELL YOU, SHE'S GONE **OUT OF HER MIND!**

LANA DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT THIS IS PART OF MY **MASTER PLAN** TO GET **SUPERMAN** TO **PROPOSE** TO ME... JUST THE WAY HIS MOTHER, **LARA**, GOT HIS FATHER, **JOR-EL**, TO PROPOSE TO HER ON **KRYPTON!**

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ONE NIGHT, AS GIRL REPORTER LOIS LANE PREPARES FOR SLEEP...

ALL SET FOR THE BIG DAY TOMORROW, LOIS?

OH, LUCY! AREN'T BIRTHDAYS EXCITING? I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PRESENTS I'LL BE GETTING! I JUST CAN'T WAIT!

PRESENTLY...

ZZZZZZ!

BUT ALMOST AT ONCE...

GOSH! IT'S DAWN **ALREADY** AND HERE COMES **SUPERGIRL** WITH MY FIRST BIRTHDAY PRESENT! I WONDER WHAT IT IS!

A MOMENT LATER, AS LOIS GREETS HER VISITOR...

LOIS, AS YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT, YOUR SUPER-FRIENDS HAVE DECIDED TO HELP YOU WIN YOUR HEART'S GREATEST DESIRE... **SUPERMAN!** THE OBJECTS IN THIS BOX WILL ASSIST YOU!

GASP! YOU MEAN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS MY DREAMS WILL FINALLY COME **TRUE?** QUICK! OPEN THAT BOX! I CAN'T WAIT!

AS THE BOX IS OPENED...

A WEIRD **HEAD-PIECE**, A **CRYSTAL DISC** AND A BOX OF **CAKE MIX!** I DON'T GET IT, **SUPERGIRL!** HOW WILL THIS STUFF HELP ME BECOME **SUPERMAN'S** WIFE?

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING! WE'LL START WITH THAT CRYSTAL DISC!

INSTANT MIX KRYPTONIAN RAINBOW CAKE

BACK ON **KRYPTON**, BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED, COMPLETE RECORDS OF EACH PERSON'S LIFE WERE RECORDED ON THESE CRYSTALS BY MENTOR-RAYS THAT TAPPED THE INDIVIDUAL'S **MEMORY!** THEY WERE KEPT IN THE CITY OF **KANDOR** WHICH SURVIVED WHEN THE REST OF **KRYPTON** WAS DESTROYED!

THIS CRYSTAL RE-TELLS PART OF THE COURTSHIP OF **LARA** AND **JOR-EL**, **SUPERMAN'S FATHER** AND **MOTHER!** PUT THE DISC INTO THIS OPENING AND DON THE HEAD-PIECE... AND YOU WILL GET A **MENTAL IMAGE** OF THE METHOD **LARA** USED TO WIN **JOR-EL!**

I UNDERSTAND! I'LL USE THE SAME METHODS **LARA** USED ON **JOR-EL** TO WOO **SUPERMAN!** HOW CAN I THANK YOU, **SUPERGIRL?**

AS **SUPERGIRL** LEAVES...

WILL IT **WORK?** WILL I REALLY FIND THE WAY TO MAKE **SUPERMAN** MY OWN AT LAST... THE CRYSTAL... IT'S LIGHTING UP WITH A STRANGE GLOW!

AS THE EERIE GLOW INTENSIFIES...

JOR-EL, YOU'RE AN **HOUR LATE** FOR OUR DATE!

I'M SORRY, **LARA**, BUT I WAS IN THE MIDST OF A VITAL EXPERIMENT!... I BROUGHT ALONG MY COMPUTER! THERE ARE SOME FORMULAE I MUST WORK OUT!

IT'S THE PROJECTED IMAGE OF **SUPERMAN'S** PARENTS WHEN THEY WERE COURTING!

JOR-EL IS SO ABSORBED IN SCIENCE HE DOESN'T KNOW I EXIST... HMM... I'LL BAKE HIM THE MOST DELICIOUS CAKE HE'S EVER TASTED! ONE BITE... AND HE'LL BE DRAGGING ME TO THE ALTAR!
HA! I GUESS WE WOMEN OPERATE THE SAME WAY EVERYWHERE, EVEN ON KRYPTON!
I'LL USE MY MOTHER'S RECIPE FOR RAINBOW CAKE! I'LL NEED THIS FRUIT FROM THE HEART-FRUIT TREE, AND THESE JEWEL-BIRD EGGS AND SOME HONEY FROM THE FIRE-BEES!
THE EXOTIC INGREDIENTS ARE MIXED, BAKED IN AN ULTRA-RAY OVEN, AND THEN...
WHY, LARA! THIS CAKE IS DELICIOUS! HMM! COULD I HAVE ANOTHER PIECE?
WHY, CERTAINLY, JOR-EL, DEAR!
SHE'S WINDING HIM AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER! HA, HA! HE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT HIS COMPUTER!
SHORTLY, AS THE MENTAL IMAGE BEGINS TO BLUR...
LARA, DARLING, A BACHELOR'S LIFE CAN BE VERY LONELY! WHAT I NEED IS A PRETTY WIFE WHO CAN COOK AND BAKE LIKE YOU! SAY YOU'LL MARRY ME!
JOR-EL, MY DEAREST! HOW I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR THOSE WORDS!
THE PICTURES ARE FADING FROM MY MIND! THE CRYSTAL DISC IS FINISHED!
SO LARA WON JOR-EL WITH A CAKE! NOW I SEE WHY MY SUPER-FRIENDS INCLUDED THIS CAKE MIX! IF I BAKE A RAINBOW-CAKE FOR SUPERMAN, HE'S BOUND TO PROPOSE TO ME! LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON... I HOPE!!
INSTANT MIX
KRYPTONIAN RAINBOW CAKE
PRESENTLY, AS SUPERMAN ARRIVES TO GIVE HIS ANNUAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS...
MANY HAPPY RETURNS, LOIS! SAY, THAT SURE IS A DANDY-LOOKING CAKE!
ER... I'M TRYING OUT A NEW RECIPE! I WANT YOU TO TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK OF IT!
HE DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT HIS GOOSE IS COOKED! ONE NIBBLE AND HE'LL BE PROPOSING TO ME!
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BUT SUDDENLY...
THE CAKE! IT'S RISING!... EXPANDING STRANGELY!
ULP! I...I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
I FOLLOWED THE DIRECTIONS EXACTLY ...I HOPE!

AND A SECOND LATER...
LOIS... THE CAKE... IT'S FILLING THE ROOM...AND STILL EXPANDING! WHAT A HORRIBLE MESS!
CHOKE! GLUB! IT'S A KRYPTONIAN RECIPE...A CAKE-MIX I GOT FROM THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! I BAKED IT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

FROM KANDOR? THAT EXPLAINS IT! THE KANDORIAN INGREDIENTS IN THAT CAKE BECAME A THOUSAND TIMES MORE POWERFUL WHEN RELEASED IN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE BY BAKING!
GULP! NOW HE TELLS ME!

I'LL USE MY HEAT-VISION TO PUNCTURE THE CAKE AND SHRINK IT BY RELEASING THE EXPANDING GASSES!
SSSSSST-
PPFFT!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! DO SOMETHING!

LATER...
LOIS, YOU'D BETTER TAKE SOME COOKING LESSONS BEFORE YOU TRY TO IMPRESS ME AGAIN! REMEMBER, THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS STOMACH!
WHAT IRONY! I BAKED THAT CAKE TO WIN HIS LOVE, AND NOW I'VE GOT HIM LAUGHING AT ME!

BUT AFTERWARD...
IT'S KRYPTO! AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR ME, TOO! WONDER WHAT IT IS?

AS LOIS UNWRAPS THE GIFT...

IT'S ANOTHER *MENTOR CRYSTAL* RECORDING THE COURTSHIP OF *LARA* AND *JOR-EL*! MAYBE IT'LL GIVE ME SOME OTHER IDEA ABOUT HOW TO WIN *SUPERMAN*! *KRYPTO*, HOW CAN I THANK YOU?

YIP! YIP!

AS *KRYPTO* LEAVES, LOIS EAGERLY VIEWS THE IMAGES IN THE CRYSTAL...

...AND FOR INVENTING THE *TELEPATHIC RAY*, *JOR-EL* IS NAMED *HERO OF KRYPTON*! THE FAMOUS ACTRESS, LYLA LERROL, WILL PRESENT *JOR-EL* WITH THE MEDAL!

GOSH! LOOK AT THAT GORGEOUS GIRL KISSING *JOR-EL*... AND POOR *LARA* HAS TO SIT THERE AND WATCH!

LATER, OUTSIDE THE HALL...

IT'S *JOR-EL*, THE FAMOUS SCIENTIST!

ISN'T HE HANDSOME? I MUST KISS HIM!

I'M NEXT

LOOK AT THAT MOB-SCENE! THE PRETTIEST GIRLS ON *KRYPTON* ARE KISSING HIM! BUT I *MUSTN'T* SHOW MY RESENTMENT! *JOR-EL HATES* JEALOUS GIRLS!

PRESENTLY... LARA, YOU WATCHED THEM KISSING ME, YET YOU DIDN'T GET MAD! AREN'T YOU ANGRY?

AS A HERO OF *KRYPTON*, YOU'RE ENTITLED TO HERO-WORSHIP! I'M PROUD THAT ALL THOSE PRETTY GIRLS WANT TO KISS YOU!

GOSH! I MUST BE HEARING THINGS! NO GIRL CAN BE THAT GENEROUS, EVEN ON *KRYPTON*!

BUT STARTLINGLY... DARLING, THAT'S WHAT I LOVE MOST ABOUT YOU! YOUR *LACK OF JEALOUSY* SHOWS YOU'RE MATURE AND READY FOR *MARRIAGE*! LET THIS JEWELED BRACELET MARK OUR ENGAGEMENT!

OH, *JOR-EL*, MY DEAREST!

LARA IS CRAZY... LIKE A FOX! BY PRETENDING *NOT* TO BE JEALOUS, SHE WON *JOR-EL*!

AND NOW, AS THE CRYSTAL IMAGE FADES...

MAYBE LARA'S SCHEME WILL WORK FOR ME, TOO! *SUPERMAN* DETESTS JEALOUS WOMEN! IF I CAN PROVE MY LOVE IS *UNSELFISH* AND *NOBLE*, HE MAY PROPOSE TO ME! HMM... I'LL TRY IT THIS AFTERNOON WHEN I SEE *SUPERMAN* AT THE *PLANET*'S CHARITY PICNIC!

LATER THAT DAY, AT THE CHARITY PICNIC GIVEN IN HONOR OF LOIS' BIRTHDAY...
SUPERMAN, AS MY BIRTHDAY PRESENT I WANT YOU TO SELL YOUR KISSES FOR CHARITY! THE WORKMEN ARE BUILDING THE KISSING BOOTH NOW!
ER...WELL...ER...IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, LOIS!
HMM! THIS IS AMAZING! LOIS USUALLY TURNS GREEN WITH ENVY WHENEVER I KISS ANOTHER GIRL!
KISSES FROM SUPERMAN $1

AND AS THE PICNICKERS ARRIVE...
WOW! TALK ABOUT THRILLS! THEY'RE SELLING SUPERMAN'S SUPER-KISSES!
THAT'S RIGHT, GIRLS! THE BOOTH'S ALMOST READY! HOW ABOUT TRYING THESE HAMBURGERS WHILE YOU WAIT? THE RAW ONIONS ARE FREE!

MMM! DELICIOUS!
ANOTHER 'BURGER WITH ONIONS, DEAR! I'VE GOT TO BUILD UP MY STRENGTH FOR THOSE SUPER-KISSES I'M GOING TO BUY!
ENJOY YOURSELVES, GIRLS!

AND AS THE KISSING BOOTH OPENS...
I'M FIRST, SUPERMAN!
I'M NEXT! STOP CROWDING!
KEEP IN LINE, GIRLS! THERE ARE ENOUGH SUPER-KISSES FOR ALL OF YOU!
I HOPE SUPERMAN NOTICES HOW NONCHALANT AND UNSELFISH I AM WHILE ALL THOSE GIRLS ARE KISSING HIM!
KISSES FROM SUPERMAN $1

BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT SUPERMAN NOTICES...
UGG! EVERYONE OF THESE GIRLS HAS BEEN EATING RAW ONIONS! MY SUPER-SENSE OF SMELL MAKES ME SUPER-SENSITIVE TO THAT ODOR! LET ME OUT OF HERE! I CAN'T STAND IT!
PHOOEY!

I GET IT NOW, LOIS! YOU DELIBERATELY SERVED THOSE GIRLS ONIONS WITH THE HAMBURGERS...SO I WOULDN'T LET THEM KISS ME! OF ALL THE SPITEFUL TRICKS!
SUPERMAN! IT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT! PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN!

I NEVER SAW ANYONE SO PETTY AND SELFISH IN MY LIFE! YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, LOIS! GOODBYE!
GULP! WHAT A REVOLTING DEVELOPMENT! AND ALL I WAS TRYING TO DO WAS SHOW HIM MY LOVE WAS PURE AND NOBLE! HE'LL NEVER PROPOSE TO ME NOW! OH, WELL, I MAY AS WELL GO HOME!
BUT AT HER APARTMENT...
LOIS, I'M FROM THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD IN THE BOTTLE OF KANDOR! WE'VE SEEN YOUR DIFFICULTIES ON OUR MONITOR SCREENS! HERE, THIS LAST CRYSTAL RECORD OF THE COURTSHIP OF LARA AND JOR-EL MAY HELP YOU WIN SUPERMAN!
OH, NO! ANOTHER CRYSTAL! THEY'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE SO FAR!
WELL... ER... THANK YOU! I'LL TRY IT! WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?
AS LOIS DONS THE CRYSTAL VIEWER...
IT'S LARA AND JOR-EL ... ON SOME KIND OF HIKE!
I KNOW I PROMISED TO GO FOR A STROLL IN THE PLUME FOREST, LARA! BUT I'M TESTING THE HEAT GIVEN OFF BY THESE FIRE-WEEDS!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, JOR-EL, I'LL TAKE THAT WALK BY MYSELF!
BE CAREFUL, MY DEAR! SCENT-BEASTS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THIS FOREST LATELY! YOU CAN'T HANDLE DANGER!
IF ANY DANGER ARISES, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT MYSELF!
NO WONDER I CAN'T GET HIM TO MARRY ME, HE THINKS I'M A HELPLESS FEMALE!
THESE MEN! THEY'RE ALL ALIKE... EVEN ON KRYPTON!
SUDDENLY, FROM THE UNDERBRUSH, COMES A GHASTLY CREATURE!
EEEK! A SCENT-BEAST!
SNORT!
THIS IS HORRIBLE! GASP! WHY DOESN'T SHE CALL FOR HELP!
MEETING SOME DANGEROUS BEAST WOULD SUIT ME FINE! I'D SHOW JOR-EL I CAN FEND FOR MYSELF! WAIT! I'LL SPRAY ON SOME ALLURO LIP MAKE-UP! IN CASE THERE'S TROUBLE, JOR-EL MUST SEE ME AT MY BEST!
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BUT LARA HAS OTHER PLANS...
I WAS READY FOR THIS! I HAPPEN TO KNOW SCENT-BEASTS DREAD THE ODOR OF PERFUME! HERE... HAVE A SNOOTFUL OF ALLURO!
WUGGG! SNORT!
AND AS THE CREATURE STAMPEDES...
LARA! I SAW IT ALL! SUCH FEARLESS SELF-RELIANCE! NOW I'LL NEVER BE AFRAID OF ANY DANGERS THAT MIGHT THREATEN YOU WHILE I'M AWAY! WE CAN BE MARRIED AT ONCE! NAME THE DAY!
OH, MY DARLING! MAKE IT TOMORROW!
AS THE LIGHT FROM THE CRYSTAL EBBS...
SO THAT'S HOW LARA FINALLY WON JOR-EL! HMM! SUPERMAN ALWAYS FELT THAT IF HE MARRIED ME, HE'D BE SO BUSY PROTECTING ME FROM PERIL THAT HE'D NEVER HAVE TIME FOR IMPORTANT MISSIONS! IF I CAN PROVE I COULD HANDLE A DANGEROUS SITUATION ON MY OWN... HE'D BE SURE TO PROPOSE!
PURSUING HER PLAN, LOIS SCOURS THE TOUGHEST NEIGHBORHOODS OF METROPOLIS LOOKING FOR DANGER...
NOW IF I WERE TO CATCH THAT ARSONIST SINGLE-HANDED, IT MIGHT SHOW SUPERMAN HOW UTTERLY FEARLESS I AM!
DAILY PLANET
ARSONIST BURNS GIANT WAREHOUSE! FIRE BUG ARMED! STILL AT LARGE
BUT SECONDS LATER, LOIS SEES A PICTURESQUE FIGURE EMERGING FROM THE BAY...
IT'S LORI LEMARIS... SUPERMAN'S MERMAID FRIEND FROM THE UNDERSEA CONTINENT OF ATLANTIS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LOIS! I WAS SWIMMING NEARBY WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY TUNED IN ON YOUR THOUGHTS BY TELEPATHY! I THINK I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT CAN HELP YOU GET SUPERMAN TO PROPOSE! LISTEN...
SOON, ABOARD A HIRED ROWBOAT...
LORI SURE DREAMED UP A TERRIFIC STUNT! IT'S BOUND TO CONVINCE SUPERMAN THAT I'M COOL AND CLEVER IN AN EMERGENCY! HMM... I'M IN ABOUT THE RIGHT SPOT! IT'S TIME TO GO INTO MY ACT!

THEN, ON A NEARBY FERRY, SUDDENLY...
A SEA-SERPENT! HE'S HEADING FOR THAT POOR GIRL IN THE ROWBOAT! EEEEE!
THEY DON'T KNOW IT, BUT THAT SEA-SERPENT IS LORI'S PET! SHE'S CONTROLLING HIS MOVEMENTS TELEPATHICALLY! IN A SECOND I'LL PRETEND TO FRIGHTEN HIM AWAY WITH A FLASHING MIRROR!
BUT A WARSHIP IS PASSING BY, TOO, AND...
REPORT FROM THE RADAR ROOM, SIR! WE'VE DETECTED A STRANGE UNDERSEA OBJECT DEAD AHEAD! IT APPEARS TO BE A SEA SERPENT!
BATTLE STATIONS! WE'LL GIVE THE CREATURE A BROADSIDE!
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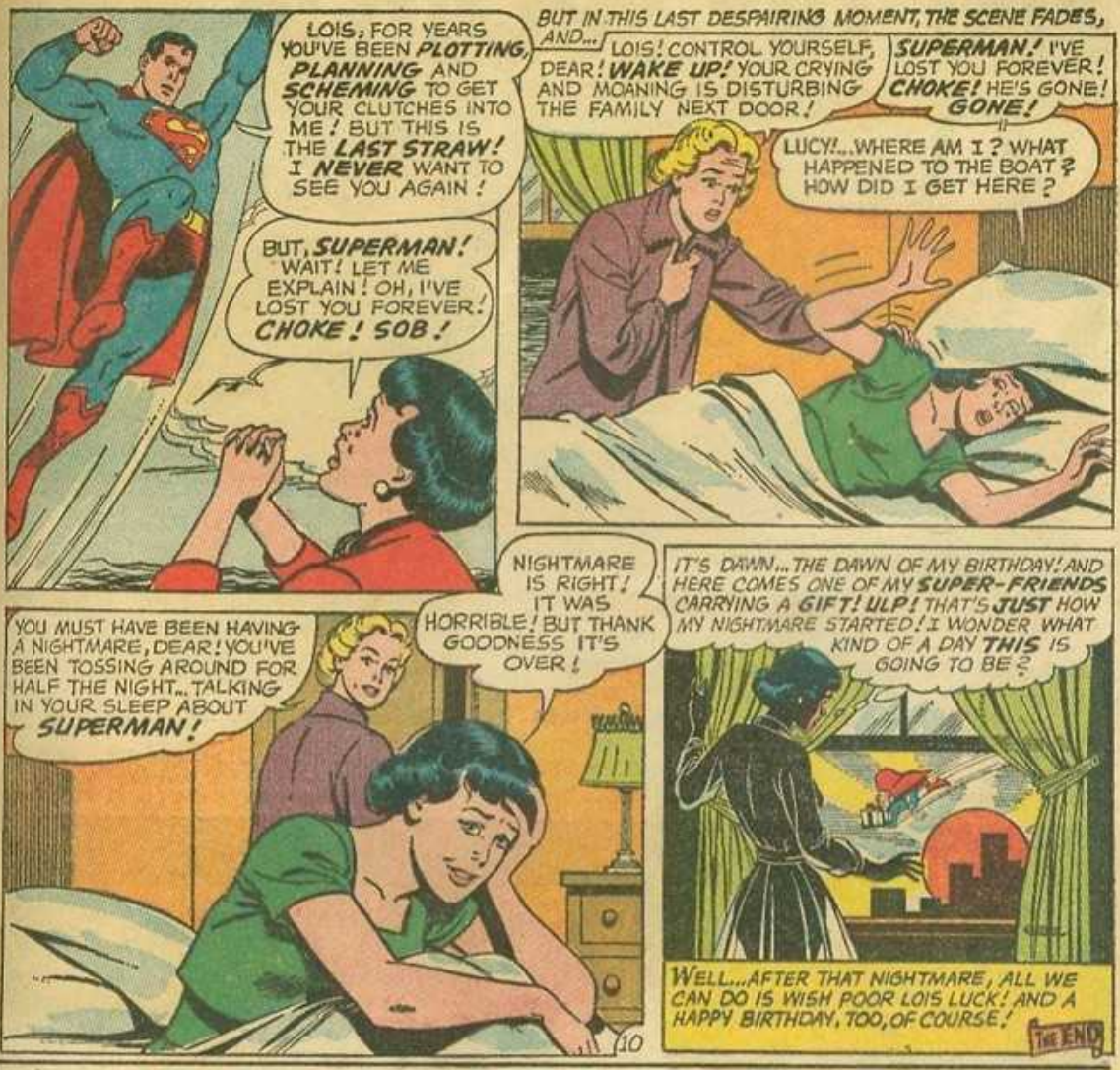
MEANWHILE, BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE BAY...
THOSE RADAR-BEAMS! THEY'RE INTERFERING WITH MY TELE-PATHIC POWERS! I CAN'T GIVE MY SEA-SERPENT ANY ORDERS
AN INSTANT LATER, THE WARSHIP OPENS FIRE, AND...
BOOM!
RROARRR
BAROOM!
ULP! MY MIRROR SIGNAL DOESN'T WORK AT ALL! THOSE CANNON SHELLS HAVE ENRAGED THE SEA-SERPENT! HE'S GOING BERSERK! EEEE!
BUT JUST THEN, A COLORFUL FIGURE SWOOPS THROUGH THE SKY, AND...
SUPERMAN! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE HERE! SNIFF! I WAS SO FRIGHTENED! IT WAS AWFUL!
RELAX, LOIS! I'LL DUMP THIS FELLOW OUT AT SEA AND COME BACK! HOW DO YOU GET INTO THESE JAMS, ANYWAY?
WHEN SUPERMAN RETURNS MOMENTS LATER, LORI IS THERE TO EXPLAIN...
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT, SUPERMAN! LOIS HAS LOVED YOU SO LONG, I THOUGHT I COULD HELP HER WIN YOU BY SHOWING THAT SHE'S SELF-RELIANT AND COURAGEOUS!
SO YOU USED THAT PHONEY SEA SERPENT ACT, EH? LORI, HOW COULD YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO GET MIXED UP IN LOIS' CHILDISH SCHEMES?


LOIS, FOR YEARS YOU'VE BEEN PLOTTING, PLANNING AND SCHEMING TO GET YOUR CLUTCHES INTO ME! BUT THIS IS THE LAST STRAW! I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
BUT, SUPERMAN! WAIT! LET ME EXPLAIN! OH, I'VE LOST YOU FOREVER! CHOKE! SOB!
BUT IN THIS LAST DESPAIRING MOMENT, THE SCENE FADES, AND...
LOIS! CONTROL YOURSELF, DEAR! WAKE UP! YOUR CRYING AND MOANING IS DISTURBING THE FAMILY NEXT DOOR!
SUPERMAN! I'VE LOST YOU FOREVER! CHOKE! HE'S GONE! GONE!
LUCY!...WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOAT? HOW DID I GET HERE?
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HAVING A NIGHTMARE, DEAR! YOU'VE BEEN TOSSING AROUND FOR HALF THE NIGHT...TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP ABOUT SUPERMAN!
NIGHTMARE IS RIGHT! IT WAS HORRIBLE! BUT THANK GOODNESS IT'S OVER!
IT'S DAWN...THE DAWN OF MY BIRTHDAY! AND HERE COMES ONE OF MY SUPER-FRIENDS CARRYING A GIFT! ULP! THAT'S JUST HOW MY NIGHTMARE STARTED! I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A DAY THIS IS GOING TO BE?
WELL...AFTER THAT NIGHTMARE, ALL WE CAN DO IS WISH POOR LOIS LUCK! AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TOO, OF COURSE!
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